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SUBJ: RETURN OF STOLEN AIRCRAFT - UPDATE

REFS: A) MEXICO 9084, B) 9130

1. FOLLOWING REPORTED AS UPDATE AND IN EVENT AIRCRAFT PROBLEM
RAISED AT FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING.

2. REF B REPORTED CONGEN OCT. 16 DISCUSSION WITH FIRST DEPUTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSALES MIRANDA ON, INTERALIA, PROBLEM OF
STOLEN AIRCRAFT. ON OCT. 20, ROSALES PHONED CONGEN STATING
INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR RETURN OF PIPER NAVAJO
(THUNDERBIRD AVIATION, SYLVAN MARSHALL ATTORNEY) AND CESSNA 310
(SAWYER AVIATION AND STAN ELKINS). ROSALES DID NOT STATE
WHETHER CUSTOMS SERVICE NOW AGREED BUT, AS REPORTED REF B, HE
HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID IT WAS JOB OF AG'S OFFICE TO SO CONVINCE
CUSTOMS.

3. TODAY CONGEN PHONED BY CHAVEZ CALVILLO OF AG'S OFFICE
RELAYING SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AND PROMISING
SEND EMBASSY A COPY OF HIS STUDY WHICH CONCLUDES AMPLE
AUTHORITY EXISTS IN MEXICAN LAW TO RETURN PLANES WHERE
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THEY WERE TAKEN TO MEXICO WITHOUT OWNERS'S PERMISSION.

4. LATER TODAY CONGEN RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JURIDICAL SECTION OF JUSTICE, SOCRATES HUERTA, REITERATING ABOVE AND STATING HE WAS SENDING EMBASSY COPIES OF AG'S ORDERS FOR RELEASE OF PLANES. HE SUGGESTED THAT IN A DAY OR TWO EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO ENQUIRE OF FON MIN WHEN PLANES COULD BE PICKED UP.

5. SYLVAN MARSHALL, LAWYER FOR THUNDERBIRD, AND OLIVER MAUDE, LAWYER FOR SAWYER, INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE BY PHONE.

6. EMBASSY INFORMED BY RALPH NELSON, VP OF AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOC., OF PROPOSED MEETINGS OCT. 24 AND 27 BETWEEN AOPA REPS AND GOM OFFICIALS AT GOM SUGGESTION ARISING OUT OF AIRING OF ISSUE AT RECENT AOPA CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO. EMBASSY REPS MEETING WITH AOPA REPS ON THEIR ARRIVAL HERE OCT 23 AND PLAN ATTEND MEETINGS.

7. COMMENT: THE COMPARATIVE BARRAGE OF INFORMATIVE PHONE CALLS FROM AG'S OFFICE MAY INDICATE THAT THE GOM'S INTERNAL DISPUTE ON THIS ASPECT OF THE AIRCRAFT PROBLEM HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY MERELY INDICATE THE ALACRITY WITH WHICH THE AG IS PASSING THE BUCK. WE SHOULD KNOW WHICH SOON.

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